ACHS play to feature athletes

Dennis Fleshman, Rick Caldwell, Jody Williams - What do these young men have in common? They are all A.C.H.S. sports figures. Now, however, they have another common bond; they are all in the cast of **West Side Story** - the 1963 senior play.

For the past few weeks these performers along with the other forty cast members have been busy memorizing lines and learning song and dance numbers. They have found preparing a play for production to be quite different from practicing a sport.

Cindy Covington, who is the pitcher for the softball team and plays the role of Anybodies in the play, finds amazing the weeks of practice that go into a play for only one or two performances. She says this is a change from sports wherein one has many games.

Dennis Fleshman had little trouble running on the football field but has found it somewhat more difficult to learn his dance steps.

Rick Caldwell made it through the basketball season uninjured; however, he limped for several days after his dancing partner stepped on his toe.

Patty Roach says "Being in a play is different because you are portraying someone else; in a sport at least you are yourself out there."

Cheryl Williams, who was a member of the volleyball and basketball teams, is currently very busy with her job as stage manager. She said, "In basketball I was responsible for myself; now I'm in charge of the whole cast and crew and I also have to answer to the choreographer, musical director, and director. There are many other A.C.H.S. sports celebrities in **West Side Story**. These include Suzan Eye, James Beaty, Tommie Robinson, Allan Hamlett, and Tim Williams, Laurie Cowan and Renee Wells.

West Side Story will be presented April 23 at 8 p.m. in the A.C.H.S. auditorium. Tickets are on sale from members of the senior class.

54 initiated into FFA Chapter

Fifty-four chapter farmers were initiated into the Appomattox Senior FFA chapter at the March meeting.

Those members initiated were Howard Anderson, Jack Baker, James Baker, Roy Brennen, Jeffrey Carwile, James Cash, Darrell Conner, Gary Covington, Hersey Diggs, Lee Drinkard, Cecil Ferguson, Monte Ferguson, Russel Franklin, Kevin Gallier, Bryant Garriss, Roger Guill, Larry Harris, Lisa Harrison, David Hendricks, Leon Hudson, John Humbles, Cleve Jones, Jason Justis, Anthony Kelso, Roland Kelso, Ruth Lail, Brad Mann, Brett Marston, Michael Martin, Sonny Martin, Wesley Martin, David Mason, Mark Mayberry, Tim Mullins, Lynn Padgett, Bob Poole, Tommy Richardson, Darrell Roach, Dale Robinson, Duane Sandige, Jeff Sayre, Ron Seay, David Short, Stan Slagle, Darren Tolley, Tracy Tweedy, Russell Walton, Leon Watkins, Wayne Waycaster, Lewis Webb and Steve Woods.

To receive the chapter farmer degree a student must: 1 - have earned at least $50.00 by the member's own effort or worked 50 hours in a Supervised Agriculture Occupation Experience Program, 2 - demonstrate the ability to lead a group discussion for 15 minutes, and 3 demonstrate 5 parliamentary procedure abilities.

BROWNIE DID HIS PART too in the recent Bike-A-Thon to raise money for St. Jude's Hospital. With Brownie is Ken McCullough, (front), Jeff Mayberry, (back), and Wanda Fulton, (right). In inset, Lisa Booth charts mileage on Brownie. The event was held on April 16, sponsored by the ConTerra Woman's Club. See story on page 6. (Photo by Jeff Spritzer).

Raider Review

By JENNIFER INGE

Well, it's that time of year again, and the senior class is getting together their senior play. This year's play is the famous **West Side Story**, and the seniors have been working hard.

West Side Story is about an American boy, Tony, and a Puerto Rican girl, Marie, who fall in love. Their love isn't a smooth one because each is pressured by his own social background. The two gangs, Jets and Sharks, play a large part in the play by providing humon, singing, and dancing.

The main characters are Tony (James Beaty), Marie (Patricia Chandler), Rift (Tommie Robinson), Bernardo (Ben Martin), and Anita (Suzan Eye). Joyce Sweet is directing the play with Donna Layne as assistant director. Cheryl Williams is acting as stage manager, while the rest of the cast and crew is made up of the senior class. Helping the senior class with the production are Steve Lawrence, music; Bonnie Hayes, dancing; Scott Drinkard, piano; and Anne Hancock, drums.

The play will be presented to the public on Saturday, April 23 at 8:00 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from a senior at the price $3.00 for adults, and $2.00 for students. The senior class wishes to encourage everyone to support them in what will prove to be an enjoyable evening.

Trouble shooters compete in Southside competition

The Randolph-Henry FFA tractor troubleshooting team took first place in the Southside Area contest at the Amelia/Nottoway Vo Tech Center, April 14. Team members are David Murray and K. T. Newcomb.

The Halifax Senior FFA team was runner-up. The Halifax team is composed of Gary Guthrie and Jeff Lacks. Third place went to the **Appomattox team - Robert Morgan and John Franklin.** Placing fourth was Amelia/Nottowav Vo Tech with team members Don Hudson and Brian Synder.

Tractor troubleshooting is a FFA activity designed to increase proficiency of students in diagnosing and correcting tractor malfunctions. The teams are required to adjust and repair tractors which judges have intentionally put out of adjustment.

Fletcher Crawley, Amelia/Nottoway instructor of agricultural education, helped to coordinate the contest. The winning Randolph-Henry team will represent Southside Area in the state contest in Richmond in September.

PTA event set for today

Is your child registered to come to kindergarten this fall? If so, the Appomattox Primary School invites you to a coffee on May 12, 1983, at 9:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

The agenda includes a discussion of the kindergarten curriculum and objectives, simulation of your child's day, and a question-answer period.

Mark your calendar and come to this very important opportunity for you and your child, as he/she enters his first formal schooling.

Primary coffee set

The Appomattox Primary School Parent Teacher Association will hold a Coffee on Thursday morning, April 21 from 9:30 until 10:30.

Parents and interested individuals are cordially invited to attend.

AMS Menu

Middle School Menu

Thurs., April 21 - Sausage Pattie, macaroni & cheese, green peas, apple sauce, hot roll, milk.

Fri., April 22 - Hamburger pattie in gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, hot roll, milk.

Mon., April 25 - Spaghetti, cole slaw, green peas, hot roll, milk.

Tues., April 26 - Chuckwagon pattie, macaroni & cheese, buttered corn, apple sauce, hot roll, milk

Wed., April 27 - Cheeseburger on bun, potato rounds, baked beans, milk.

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In Buckingham

Youth to be honored

Saturday, May 14, will see the young people of Buckingham County honored at Buckingham County Day. The Lions Club, which sponsors the annual event, has selected the youthful theme "Buckingham's Youth -- Our Future" to be carried out through the parade floats and souvenir program.

Buckingham County Day Chairman, Malcolm Booker, Jr., pointed out that civic or commercial displays are welcome. Space is available in the high school gymasium, and outside under tents or in the open. There is no charge for display space. Applications may be obtained from Booker, at Buckingham Court House, or from Secretary Paul Harris, telephone 933-8695.

Last year's celebration drew an estimated four thousand residents of Buckingham and surrounding counties.

The day will begin with the parade at 10 a.m. A choice of food ranging from hamburgers and hotdogs to brunswick stew to a complete fried chicken luncheon will be available at reasonable prices. During the afternoon musical entertainment will be provided. Rides and games for the young people will be available thoughout the dav.

AMONG THOSE ATTENDING the MDT Conference held in Appomattox April 12 were Barbara Bennett (right), Governor's Advisory Committee representative and Subcommittee Chairman; Gordon Ragland (center), Regional Welfare Specialist; and Ann Childress (right), Virginia Department of Social Services, Child Protective Unit representative.

Two address club

Mr. Ron Wilson and Mrs. Richard F. Burke III were speakers recently night at the annual meeting of the Appomattox County Historical Society held at the Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church.

A large attendance enjoyed Mr. Wilson's presentation of some history of the Flood family up to the time of Henry "Hal" Flood.

Mrs. Burke gave a most interesting account of the life of Miss Eula Mae Burke. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jamerson sponsored the refreshments which turned out to be a catered full meal.

Board of Directors elected to serve for three years were Betty Drinkard, Hazel Lee Martin and Ron Wilson; for two years, Mrs. Cecil Crawley, Miss Claudine O'Brien and Mrs. Gertrude Wooldridge; for one year, Bob Jamerson, Mrs. Margaret O'Brien and Mrs. Virginia Tyler. Elected to serve as officers for the new year were: Mrs. Cecil Crawley, president; Mrs. Virginia Tyler, vice-president; Mrs. Betty Drinkard, secretary and Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, Treasurer.

Committee chairmen named were research, Bob Jamerson; Chr. Membership, Miss Claudine O'Brien; Chr. Public Relations, Mrs. Gertrude Wooldridge: Chr. Tour, Ron Wilson; Finance, Mrs. Ellen O'Brien; Chr. Good Will, Mrs. Kathleen Caldwell.

One of the objectives of the society is to preserve the history of Appomattox County. Much work by many people has resulted in the establishing of the Appomattox County Historical Museum which will reopen on June 2, 1983 announced by Mrs. Minerva Kepler, Curator.

In our next article the remaining committees will be named.

Multidisciplinary teams hold regional conference

The Regional Spring Conference for Multidisciplinary Teams met on April 12 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the Memorial United Methodist Church.

Sponsored by the Governor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect, Subcommittee on MD Teams, hostess for the meeting was the Appomattox Multidisciplinary Team.

Attending this meeting were representative from MD teams in our region; also Gordon Ragland, Regional Welfare Specialist; Ann Childress, Virginia Department of Social Services, representing the Child Protection Unit and Barbara Bennett, Governor's Advisory Committee representative and Subcommittee Chairman.

The goal of MDT is the prevention, detection, treatment of child abuse and neglect.

The Governor of Virginia has declared April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Virginia. Localities across the state are planning activities to focus on this. Hostessing the Regional Conference was activity for Appomattox.

Conferences similar to the one held here in Appomattox are being held in each of other six regions in Virginia this spring.

Jordan news

The Senior Choir will practice Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Womack at Jordan.

Remember Sunday is Rally Day. Regular preaching will be held at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch. At 2:30 p.m. Rev. H.E. Scruggs and his congregation from Fork Union will be our afternoon guest at Jordan.

Prayer meeting will be held Wednesday following the 4th Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Jordan.

Mt.Airy news

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalm 23:1

On Sunday, April 27, at 7 the Usher Board will be celebrating their anniversary with the Pleasant Valley Men's Chorus. Ushers of the other churches are invited.

On the second Sunday in May at 6 the Rev. Ronald Hamlett and one of his Hat Creek choirs will be conducting service here, sponsored by the Senior Choir.

On the fourth Sunday in May the Diamond Hill Men's Chorus of Lynchburg will be in concert here at 3, benefit the organ fund.

On the fifth Sunday in May, we will be having out-reach service. Our special guest for the day will be the pastor, choir and congregation from The New Lebanon Calvery Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland. This is an all-day event. Lunch will be served.

Let us continue to pray for the sick, those who are in the hospital and at home.

Promise Land

"Prejudice and stubborn pride bear bitterfruit. If we harbor these, we will be sure to suffer as much as the victims of our prejudice."

We extend a cordial invitation to worship at Promise Land Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Minister Albert Davis Sr. in charge. We also extend an invitation to Sunday School at 10 a.m.

On May 8, 1983 the Royal Supremes will render music in concert at 3 p.m.

April is Cancer Month. Let us give generously when your volunteer comes around.

Let us remember the sick and shut-in. Special prayers go out to Mrs. Theresa Thornton who is still in Virginia Baptist Hospital. Prayer also goes out to Mrs. Margaret Forrest, Mr. Willie Harvey, Mrs. Annie Harvey and Mrs. Pauline Hancock.

Catherine Rengers has show

Catherine Rengers

Catherine Rengers of Pamplin is one of nine junior art majors at Longwood College who are currently exhibiting their work in the college's Bedford Gallery.

Oil and acrylic paintings, pen-and-ink and pencil drawings, prints, watercolors, sculpture, ceramics, black-and-white photographs, and works in wood, stained glass and mixed media are included in the exhibit.

The exhibit is an academic requirement for art education and studio art majors during their junior year at Longwood. This year's show was juried by Janice S. Lemen, professor emeritus of art at Longwood who now lives in San Clemente, CA.

Other exhibitors include Margaret Manuel Bass, Rice; Kathryn DeHaven, Dale City; Kim Guglielmo, Vienna; Janet Jordan, Richmond; Karen Long, Newport News; Nancy Lang, Manassas; Lynda Straton, Huntington Station, NY; and David Volz, Fairfax City.

Purchase awards have been made by Hunter Watson for E.F. Hutton and Co., to Kathryn DeHaven; by Crute's (Farmville) to Margaret Manuel Bass; by Sunny's Cafe (Farmville) to Lynda Stratton; by the Longwood department of art to Karen Long and David Volz; and by the Longwood Alumni Association to Kim Guglielmo.

The public is cordially invited to view the exhibit through May 1. Bedford Gallery hours are: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m.; and Sunday 5 to 9 p.m.

Canaan Baptist

Canaan Baptist Church Young Adult Choir will be sponsoring a shopping trip to Reading, Pa., on the weekend of June 4-5, 1983. Anyone interested in further information, please contact Frances Chambers at 352-8324 or Jacqueline Evans at 352-7578.

Michael Blankenship assigned

Airman Michael W. Blankenship, son of Eddie B. and Jean F. Blankenship of Route 1, Concord, Va., has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

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